

Aug. 8. T WHARF FISH RECEIPTS LIGHT

PRICES WELL SUSTAINED ON ALL GOODS TAKEN OUT FOR MARKET.

Receipts at T wharf this morning are light. Yesterday afternoon the steam trawler Ripple brought in 47,000 pounds, about all haddock, and sch. Athena had a fine fare 63,000 pounds, 60,000 of which are haddock. The little sch. Fanny Reed with 45 swordfish was also a late arrival yesterday.

This morning there are a dozen crafts in, nine ground fish fares and three swordfish trips, the latter ranging from 10 to 65 fish, the latter fine catch being in sch. Mamomet, the fish selling at 11 and 12 cents per pound.

Of the ground fish arrivals schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan and James and Esther have mostly hake and cusk, while schs. Olive F. Hutchins and Helen B. Thomas have the only haddock fares of any size in the dock.

Cod and pollock are bringing good prices, the latter selling at \$3 and \$4, while large cod are worth \$4 and \$6. Haddock are down to \$1.25 and \$1.85, and hake are bringing \$1.75 and \$2.75 for what are being taken out to market.

At T wharf last week 45 arrivals landed 1,408,300 pounds of fresh fish against 62 arrivals with 1,884,070 pounds of fresh fish for the corresponding week of 1910.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 48,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 3000 haddock, 9000 cod, 60,000 hake, 4000 cusk. Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Leo 14,000 haddock. Sch. James and Esther, 1000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 30,000 hake, 10,000 cusk 10 swordfish.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 4000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Juniata, 1500 haddock, 23,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Georgianna, 5200 cod, 2400 pollock, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Eva Avina, 400 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Dorcas 37 swordfish.

Sch. Manomet 65 swordfish.

Sch. Lillian 10 swordfish.

Steamer Ripple, 44,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Athena, 60,000 haddock, 3200 cod.

Sch. Fanny Reed, 45 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.85 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$4.25; pollock, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$1.75 to \$2.75; cusk, \$2.50; swordfish, 11 and 12 cents per lb.

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Fulton Fish Market Notes.

There were 40 smacks at Fulton market between Saturday morning and Friday noon, says the Fishing Gazette, with a total of 546,980 pounds of fish, of which 256,980 pounds were bluefish, 24,000 pounds weakfish 39,600 pounds sea bass and porgies mixed, and 226,400 pounds sea bass. The total number of bluefish were 85,660, and in the above total weight they are averaged at three pounds each.

The present week was not a very successful one as far as the wholesale commission men were concerned. During the first few days prices were too high to be attractive, while later in the week buyers did not seem to care to load up with stock, notwithstanding that prices were much more favorable.

The first green smelts were on sale last Saturday, selling at 10 cents to a shilling per pound. Some of them did not reach here in very good shape.

Swordfish was on sale last Saturday, the price being 8 cents per pound. Bluefish dropped in price during the last part of the week.

Bonita brought from 5 to 7 cents. Steak cod sold at 7 to 10 cents.

During the last part of the week fluke and flounders brought 2 1-2 to 3 cents. Quite a lot of the former was sent to the head dock.

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Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margie Turner was at Portland yesterday, with 14,000 pounds of halibut.

Halibut Stock.

Sch. Preeceptor, Capt. John McKay, stocked \$2200 as the result of her recent halibut trip.

BLAMES THE BATTLESHIPS.

Capt. Jacobs Says They Frightened Away Big Schools of Mackerel.

When Capt. Solomon Jacobs of the steamer Quartette arrived at T wharf Saturday morning, he unburdened his mind about the warships and the mackerel school they scared away as they ploughed the water off Provincetown:

"We were seven or eight miles north by west from Race point light, in the finest find of mackerel weather yesterday morning," said Capt. Jacobs, "and without exaggeration there were hundreds of schools in sight. I made for the biggest one, which had, at least, 200 barrels of fish in sight. That meant something to me—18,000 fish in count at 30 cents apiece. Just then the submarines came by and the fish went down. We waited and the fish showed once more. There were three battleships off our port bow, and four more of our starboard bow.

"My son Arthur, who acts as engineer for me, didn't want us to put out in the seine boat, but I said I'd set our seine if the ships sank me. We got the seine around the big school without any trouble, the fish keeping to the surface. Meantime the battleships were coming nearer every minute. I blew three blasts as a salute, then two short blasts to tell them to keep away from us. But they didn't.

"As the ships passed their swash filled the seine boat. When we came to look for our fish we found the waves had scared them and they had bolted through the open bottom of the net. It was evening before we sighted a small school and captured it. There are more mackerel schooling in Boston bay just now than there has been before in 20 years, but while the warships remain in the vicinity the fishing fleet can't catch them."

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Portland Fish Notes.

About 900 pounds of mackerel were brought in Sunday by a small power boat, taken off Half Way Rock. The steamers Elthier, Pet, and E. N. Brown all came in on account of the fog, but none of them had any fish. The skippers all report seeing good sized schools of mackerel, but the fish were acting very wild, and it was impossible to get near them. The steamer Dolphin arrived Saturday with 60 barrels of bluebacks and 18 barrels of large mackerel.

The fishing schooner Bernie and Bessie arrived Sunday from a cruise on Brown's bank, bringing 41 swordfish, on which she will make a good stock at the ruling prices. The schooner was out in the gale of Friday, July 28, but the skipper reports that with the exception of a very heavy sea no discomfort was experienced. He also reports that on Friday last he passed the schooner Edmund F. Black, with 60 swordfish, and the Albert W. Black with 50, both vessels intending to take their fares to Boston.

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Pensacola Fish Notes.

The total catch of fish last week at Pensacola amounted to 86,500 pounds, of which 2500 pounds were grouper and the balance red snapper. E. E. Saunders & Co. have six of the nine vessels that brought in stock. They had the grouper and 59,500 pounds of red snapper. The Warren Fish Co., during the coming week, will be very heavy.

Smacks to the Warren Fish Co. were: Mary L. Harty, 11,000 pounds red snapper; Emma Jane, 9000 pounds do.; Mineola, 4500 pounds do.

Smacks to E. E. Saunders & Co.: Lettie G. Howard, 12,000 pounds red snapper; Priscilla, 14,000 pounds do.; Kwasind, 5000 pounds do.; Clara R. Harwood, 7500 pounds do.; Lottie G. Haskins, 7500 pounds do.; Ruth A. Welles, 13,500 pounds do., and 2500 pounds grouper.

Will Enlarge Buildings.

The Louisburg correspondent of the Sydney, C. B. Record, says:

"The Gorton-Pew Co., who have established a fishing branch at Louisburg, are now engaged in buying fish. The company will later on enlarge wharf and erect more buildings. They have now a considerable quantity of building material on the way for the erection of buildings, about eight or ten hands are now employed by the company."

Will Fit for Shacking.

Sch. Stilleto is fitting for shacking under Capt. Lewis Carritt.

Aug. 9. NEW LIGHT IN SCH. HARMONY CASE

Capt. Gibbs Charges Peculiar Proceedings by Officials.

Claims Signing of Admission of Guilt Was Under Undue Pressure.

From certain statements made by Capt. Christopher Gibbs of sch. Harmony, which craft arrived home this week, after being seized and fined \$1200 by the Newfoundland authorities for violation of the bait act and for not reporting at custom house, it is evident there is another side to the case than that which has reached here from Newfoundland sources and that the owners of the vessel will probably make representations which may result in the re-opening of the case.

There are some things regarding the affair on which Capt. Gibbs' story and the Newfoundland reports agree, and on the other hand there are others on which they do not coincide and are widely at variance.

Capt. Gibbs' statement is most important from the fact that it charges he was given no opportunity to secure counsel at the trial when the fines were imposed. The captain says the summonses were not served on him until he arrived at the court room, and the trial was immediately begun, without his being given an opportunity to secure any legal representative.

Says Capt. O'Reilly Offered Inducement for Signing Confession.

Of a grave nature also is the statement of the captain that the signing of the document admitting guilt was

Finally, on July 7, Capt. Gibbs says, they told him that if the fine was not paid by noon of the next day, they would dismantle the vessel, and this in the face of fact that when the fines were imposed 30 days were allowed for payment before the craft would be confiscated.

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Norwegian Fisheries.

An occasional correspondent of the Fishing Gazette writes that Norway is fast becoming a strong competition to the United States in the matter of fish. The total value of fish, according to a recent Government report, was in 1910 estimated at £2,400,000 or about \$12,000,000. This was a large increase over 1909. The decline of some of the fisheries was partly counteracted by the employment of more modern vessels, gear and mode of fishing, and the rise in value of fish exported is partly due to the prices of fish exported abroad. The number of motor vessels used in the Norwegian fisheries in reported to have risen from 1,483 in 1909, to 1,736 in 1910, and of open boats with motors from 153 to 238. British sailing fishing boats are being bought by Haugesund firms in order to fit them with motors. The motor vessels have hitherto been chiefly used in the Lofoten and Tromso districts. The use of the log net is reported to be on the increase in the Stavanger sprat fisheries and in the Saithe fisheries in Nordland. The telegraph is widely used in the service of the fisheries, and it may not be many years before the existing wireless telegraph stations in the North are increased for the same purpose. Special attention has been devoted to steamer connections with the chief fishing centers and to the installation of refrigerating plants on steamers and of cold storage trucks and icing plants on the railways.

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Sharks Destroy Gear.

Sharks are reported as both numerous and troublesome on the fishing grounds by Capt. Devine of the fishing sch. Leo, which arrived at T wharf yesterday. The Leo lost 15 tons of trawls to the finny monsters, which cut through and destroyed the outfits off Chatham.

done under pressure or undue influence, in other words he says he signed it while on board the Fiona, being taken down to Harbor Breton for the trial and that none but Capt. O'Reilly and himself were present.

Capt. Gibbs says that Capt. O'Reilly prepared the statement and led him to think, from statements which he made, that by signing it he would get off light. He says he was also told that the signing of the document would "help him out" and "make it easier" for him, and also that it would make it easier for all the poor fishermen of his crew, for he says he was also told at the same time that every man of the crew could be held for trial and fined and that the signing of the document would let up on them.

Upon these representations, Capt. Gibbs says, he signed the document, but he also adds very emphatically that the document as it appeared in the Times, and copied verbatim for one of the Newfoundland papers and the document as he signed it differ in one very important essential. In other words Capt. Gibbs says that in the printed document is a statement which was not in the document at the time he signed it. The part of the document to which Capt. Gibbs objects is that which makes him say he did not want to report at custom house because he was in for bait.

This report, he affirms, was not in the document when he signed it.

Did Not Harbor 48 Hours in Any One Place.

Speaking of the affair generally, Capt. Gibbs says he did not harbor for 48 hours at any one place. He went into the bay Thursday evening, June 29 and went way up the bay. It was calm and he anchored, remaining at anchor nine hours. On Friday morning he got underway, there being little wind, and came down and anchored in Dawson's Cove at about 10 o'clock. It was calm and he was trying to get out, but there was no chance.

Saturday he lay at anchor and in the evening he again weighed anchor and hoisted sails and tried to get out, but could make no headway and as the craft was drifting in shore quite a ways, he was again obliged to anchor, still keeping the sails on the vessel. The next day, being Sunday, and no custom house in Newfoundland being open on that day, there was no chance for him to enter provided he had laid over the 48 hour period.

Explained His Acts Fully to Captain of the Cutter.

Sunday morning the Fiona came along side and Capt. O'Reilly and Capt. Gibbs talked. The latter, in response to the query as to why he had not entered, said he had not been in port 48 hours, and also that he knew of no custom house in the bay, the nearest one being at Harbor Breton, which was three miles by water from the vessel and then three miles more across the land.

As a result of what he saw, etc., Capt. O'Reilly took the vessel's papers, said to Capt. Gibbs, "Come with me," and took him on board the Fiona, a prisoner, then with the Harmony in tow the Fiona started for Harbor Breton. In was on the passage up to the latter port he had the talk with Capt. O'Reilly and the document above referred to was made out and he signed it under the conditions as above stated.

Court was held July 4, with no counsel present for Capt. Gibbs, to tell him his rights. Capt. Gibbs says he objected to the charge of not entering. He says that after the trial and the imposing of the fine, the authorities, while waiting for the payment of the same, seemed anxious and on July 6 they talked of dismantling the vessel and taking the wheel off.

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**MANY MACKEREL
ON MIDDLE BANK**

Five Fine Trips Landed Fresh
at Boston This Morning.
Large Body of Mixed
Fish Reported All Along
Shore.

The mackerel are still schooling on Middle bank and in goodly numbers. Not for many years has there been such a body of mackerel so close to our very doors. Yesterday the fog held up just long enough for the seiners, who are camping on the trail of the schools on the ground between Thatcher's Island and Race Point, to locate the fish and as a result there are five fine trips at T wharf this morning, the lucky crafts being:

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson, 18,000 fresh mackerel and 25 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall, 14,000 fresh mackerel and 12 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John W. McFarland, 7000 fresh mackerel, 38 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Douglass McLean, 8000 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Bethulia, Capt. Dick Marchant, 2000 fresh mackerel.

The fish were all taken yesterday and are mostly tinkers, there being a few large and mediums mixed in. The fares were met with good prices this morning for the large fish sold at 30 cents each, the mediums for 20 cents, and the tinkers for all of the fares except the Pinta brought 10 cents each, the latter craft, coming in later, got 8 1-2 cents each for hers.

The Monarch made a hurry-up trip, as she did not leave T wharf until 10 o'clock yesterday morning and went out and got her fare and was back at the dock at 4 o'clock this morning.

The arrival of these good fares is most encouraging and indicates that there is really a body of fish on the shore in this vicinity.

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**GROUND FISH
PLENTIFUL.**

BUT INTEREST AT T WHARF IS
CENTERED ON MACKEREL
TRIPS.

Trade continues generally fair at T wharf and on cod and pollock is especially good. Some fish are going to split, but not much, for the most of the haddock not wanted for market is being taken by the canners.

Since last report the T wharf dealers have a big supply of groundfish, not less than 16 fares, most of them large arriving yesterday noon. Haddock predominate, but there are a few trips from the eastward in which cod and hake cuts the larger figure.

This morning the groundfish trade is however overshadowed by the mackerel demand, and the five trips in, all of them good ones, and right alive from Middle bank were the center of attractions for the buyers. They brought fine prices. Their trips range from 2000 to 18,000 fish in count mostly tinkers, sch. Monarch having the largest fare. Tinkers sold at 8 1-2 and 10 cents each, mediums brought 20 and large 30 cents per fish.

Haddock went at \$1.25 and \$1.75, while large cod sold from \$4 to \$6, and pollock were up to \$3 and \$4. One fare of swordfish had not sold at 9 o'clock, 10 cents per pound being the best offer at that time.

Among the crafts in with big fares of groundfish are schs. Fannie Belle, Atwood, Aspinet, Josie and Phebe, Quonnapowitt and John J. Fallon, while the little sch. Emily Sear with 15,000 pounds of pollock will come in for a

big stock and a share which should be very pleasing to her crew.

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Sch. Diana, 30 swordfish.

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 100 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 1000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 63,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 45,000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Aspinet, 3000 haddock, 65,000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta, 25,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 20,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 1500 haddock, 1900 cod, 15,000 pollock.

Sch. Maxwell, 600 cod, 3400 pollock.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 300 cod, 300 hake, 700 pollock.

Steamer Spray, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 2000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Josie and Phebe.

Sch. Quonnapowitt, 60,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 70,000 haddock.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$4.25; hake, \$1.75 to \$2.75; cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$3 to \$4; large fresh mackerel 30 cents, mediums 20 cents, tinkers 8 1-2 to 10 cents; 10 cents per lb. offered for swordfish.

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**NO RECEIPTS
FOR 48 HOURS.**

ONLY ARRIVALS HERE ARE SOME
SMALL BOATS WITHOUT
FARES OF FISH.

Up to 11 o'clock this forenoon there had been no arrivals at this port since last report, indeed it is considerable over 48 hours since any fishing or coasting crafts have arrived here. Yesterday was a total blank, the dense fog and light wind which have prevailed for several days, continuing.

During the night the fog scaled and the wind hauled to the southward and westward, and the large fleet of coasters which have been at anchor in the outer harbor for the past two days, early hoisted sails and got under way, about all of them bound to the eastward. The wind was still light and they had a slow job working out around the breakwater.

Although the weather this morning was threatening, it looks as though the fog was through for a spell at least, and the shore fleet and other fishing crafts which have held up, will probably get away during the day.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Georgianna, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, shacking.

Sch. Buema, shacking.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, shacking.

Sch. Slade Gorton, shacking.

Sch. Alert, swordfishing.

Sch. Rhodora, halibutbing.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, deck handling.

Sch. William H. Moody, Georges.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$26 per bbl. for large and \$17 per bbls. for tinkers.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 per cwt., for large, \$3.62 1-2 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.37 1-2, medium, \$4.37 1-2, snappers, \$3.

Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.75, medium \$4.45.

Salt bank dory handline cod \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.87 1-2 for mediums.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.12 1-2, medium, \$3.62 1-2.

Haddock, \$2.

Pollock, \$1.75.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2;

snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shad cod, \$4.25 for large and \$3.75 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

Salted whiting, \$2 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 and \$1.05 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.90 per cwt.

Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.35 per cwt. for large and \$1.85 \$1.90 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25.

Hake, \$.90.

Dressed pollock, 90 cts. round, 80 cts.

Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 9½c for gray.

Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.

Fresh mackerel, 30c to 32c for large, 23c to 25c for mediums, 9½c for small and 5c for tinkers.

Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.

Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl. W.

Gloucester Will Benefit.

The Fishing Gazette says editorially:

"Every patriotic citizen of the United States should rejoice because President Taft has signed the Canadian reciprocity measure—thus, so far as this nation can do, making it law. It may injure Gloucester fisheries at first, but that historic fishing port will recover quickly and be greater and richer from the far-reaching benefits of the new law. Meanwhile our friends the oyster fishermen, growers and dealers alike, should reap instant and lasting returns."

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FLOATING OIL FACTORY.

Craft Now in Service For Converting
of Menhaden.

With facilities capable of reducing 10,000 barrels of the oily menhaden fish into 800 barrels of oil and 20 tons of dried fish scrap every 24 hours, a traveling fish oil-fish fertilizer factory steamed out of Philadelphia recently bound for a year's cruise along the Atlantic coast. The vessel—the steamship Mills, a converted steel dredge of 5000 tons—has been completed at Cramp's shipyard, and is ready to do a business of more than \$1,000,000 a year for the Menhaden Fish Company. It carries a complement of 160 men, who work in two crews, and the president of the firm, O. J. DeLaney, who will stay with the ship on its initial cruise.

Huge portable steel elevators on each side of the ship will scoop the menhaden out of the holds of any two vessels in the fishing fleet at the rate of 1500 barrels an hour. Screw conveyors will carry the fish into receiving tanks, where 5000 barrels may be held before the working process begins. When sufficient fish are on board, the automatic feeding of them into the steam cooker begins. A few minutes suffice to reduce the fish to particles. The cooked fish is forced through a rotary press, extracting the oil, which is conveyed, automatically into testing tanks, where found to be sweet and pure, it is cooled and then conveyed into storage tanks, five of which will carry 3000 barrels.

The fish scrap, which is used in manufacturing fertilizer, is dried and sacked, then stored in a specially constructed room, where it may be instantly flooded with water in the event of fire. Menhaden fish look like herring. They swim in schools of thousands of barrels. The school which the Mills is after is now swimming 30 miles off Noman's Land, extending to South Shoal Lightship, a distance of 80 miles. The school is 60 miles in width. There is work for the Mills and its eight fishing steamers for a year. The fish is not edible. Its range is from Maine to Florida. Equipped with a wireless outfit, the Mills can summon necessary barges to relieve it of its freight when storage tanks and hold are filled.

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**HOSPITAL SHIP
FOR GRAND BANK**

FISHERMEN'S INSTITUTE MAKING
EFFORTS TO INTEREST
CONGRESSMEN.

The New York Fishing Gazette says editorially:

"Officers and prominent Gloucester men and women in the Fishermen's Institute of that city are urging the United States government to provide, equip and dispatch a hospital ship to accompany the fishing fleet during the fishing season on the Grand Banks. The subject has recurred periodically for years. Last year the Master Mariners' Association commented favorably on the subject and the officials of the Chelsea Marine hospital are heartily in favor of it. When one reads of a fishing ship giving up its hunt for fish to carry a poor fellow, injured at his work, a thousand miles or more to the nearest port for medical treatment, it seems as if some method of having a hospital nearer at hand could be devised. The institute is trying to get Massachusetts congressmen to interest congress in the subject."

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Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Marjie Turner arrived at Portland on Monday from a three weeks' fishing cruise on the Western bank, bringing back a first-class fare, she having 15,000 pounds of halibut, 6000 pounds of salt cod and 15,000 pounds of fresh fish. The whole trip was purchased by the F. S. Willard Company, they paying 8½ and 10½ cents per pound for the halibut, the schooner making a good stock. The skipper reports good weather most of the time while on the banks. He also reports seeing a lot of swordfish, but no mackerel.

Bluebacks have struck in again and were it not for the thick fog some big hauls would doubtless be reported. As it is some fairly good catches have been taken out at the Portland Cold Storage plant the past two days. The steamers Kate and Nellie hauled for 31 barrels, Florence and Mildred 83 barrels and the Monhegan 73 barrels. The steamer Pet in addition to 57 barrels of bluebacks also had 3200 pounds of mackerel, while the steamer Elthier had 300 pounds of mackerel and 52 barrels of bluebacks. Bait has been very scarce of late pretty much all along the coast, and the bluebacks landed from the above fleet will find a ready sale among the fishermen.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Marjie Turner, which arrived at Portland on Monday with a good sized fish fare, made an excellent stock, her crew sharing \$72 a man.

The sloop Hattie and Eliza arrived at Portland Tuesday with 50 barrels of herring, taken in Sheepscott Bay. They were taken out at Long wharf at the Charles A. Dyer sheds. He reports the fish is full of spawn and milt, which he regards as a most favorable circumstance as indicating a good catch later in the season. In previous years, he says, when the herring catch was of large proportions the fish first showed up in the Sheepscott river a fortnight later in the Kennebec and later still off Wood Island, and he confidently believes that will be the programme the present season, and that a large catch both of the medium and smaller sized herring will be the result.

The little fishing sloop Minerva arrived Tuesday bringing in two swordfish weighing altogether over 700 pounds, and in addition had her deck covered with laths and lumber, which she found floating off the Cape and which her skipper thinks was part of the deck load of some vessel that had been in collision.